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**OPHTALMIC OINTMENT COMPOSITION COMPRISING A DRUG, AN OINTMENT BASE AND A SOLUBILIZING/DISPERSING AGENT**

the specification of which:

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